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| 7. | Directorate of Forest Education, Dehra Dun. | 5 | 2 vacancies since July '92<br>1 vacancy since March 93<br>1 vacnacy since November' 94 1 vacancy since June' 96 | 3 cases pending with SSC, Allahabad and 2 pending for amendment of Recruitment Rules. | Cases pending with SSC are to be filled under Special Recruitment Drive 1996-97. Cases pending for amendment of Recruitment Rules are to be finalised within 2 months |
| 8. | Botanical Survey of India, Calcutta. | 3 | Reported in Special Recruitment Drive as on 15.7.96 | Selections have been pending with the UPSCSSC. | Efforts are being made to fill up the vacancies through the Special Recruitment Drive 1996-97. |
| 9. | Zoological Survey, of India, Calcutta. | 6 | Reportei 1 in special Recruitment Drive as on 15.7.96. | Selections have been pending with the UPSCSSC. | Efforts are being made to fill up to vacancies through the Special Recruitment Drive 1996-97. |
| 10. | Indian Plywood Industries Research and Training Institute, Bangalore. | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 11. | National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi. | 2 | Reported in Special Recruitment Drive as on 15.7.%. | Selection for one vacancy has been pending with the SSC. | 1 vacancy is expected to be filled by 31st March, 1997. The other may take longer time, as it is pending with the SSC. |

**Dry Land Development**

*293. SHRI ANANTRARY DEV SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Zone Arid Research Institute has undertaken a programme for dry land development for growing crops in various States;

(b) whether the Institute has set up number of farms in different States of the country;

*(c)* whether it is also a fact that the intitule has set up such a farm for more than 7 to 8 years in Kutch district of Gujarat where no crop yield has been sustained so far;

(d) if so, whether the Institute propose to hand over this farm land to the State Goverment; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the purpose for which it has been kept for a long time?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISH-RA): (a) Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) has mandate of research in dryland development for growing various crops in arid eco systems in the States of Rajasthan and Gujarat.

(b) The Institute has.set up regional experimental research iarms at Jodhpur, Pali, Bikancr, Jaisalmer in Rajasthan and at Bhuj in Gujarat.

(c) the farm set up by the Central Arid Zone Research Institute, during the year 1987 at Bhuj in Kachchh district has been utilised for conducting experiments on trees namely neem, israelii babul, subabul; ber (Gola and seb varieties); grasses (anjan and dhaman varieties) and field crops (moth bean, cluster been and pearl millet). Since, the establishment of the trees and grass component take time in arid-eco system, the farm has started giving produce only since last few years.

(d) Neither the State jQovt. has asked nor the ICAR is thinking to hand over the farm. ICAR is pending about Rs.3 lakhs on Bhuj centre every year and now has started getting receipt out of the sale of the grasses, fruits and field crops.

(e) The research farm at Bjuj has been set up to meet the following objectives:

(1) to undertake natural and human resources survey of the region,

(2) to undertake socio-economic studies of rural and tribal population.

(3) to undertake studies on dryland farming for maximising production.

(4) to undertake studies on arid horticulture including pest management.

(5) to develop suitable silvi pastoral system in a farming system—pers-; pective:

Since, the development of appropriate technologies for such an arid and fragile ecosystem is the mandate of CAZRI, the farm and other research infrastructure set up at Bhuj will help in developing technologies which could be pratised by development agencies/farmers in the area for immproving the overall productivity.

**Ongoing Railway Projects on South Eastern Railway**

*295. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway lines under construction in South-Eastern Railway;

(b) the details of those projects, State-wise, and the progress as on date, project-wise;

(c) the estimated cost of those projects and allocation made for those projects during Eighth Plan (year-wise);

(d) the date by which the projects are expected to be completed; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The number of new railway lines under construction on S E Railway are Seven